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BELLARMINE

Off Campus—Fr. Dullea spoke at Loyola Guild in San Francisco on Rome and the Vatican.

Fr. G. Flynn spoke to the Serra Club about "Understanding Youth."

Fr. Pluskell gave a talk to the Holy Name Society of St. John Vianney's Parish.

Fr. Copeland spoke to the state representatives of the American Legion at Stockton about "Americanism." He represented the National Guard and American Legion for three days at the flooded Yuba City and Marysville. On Sundays he says Mass in the armories of the National Guard in San Jose and Sunnyvale for the Military Police and Infantry of the Artillery. On Jan. 27, 28 he will give the Invocations, Benedictions, and Memorial Services for the representatives of the State Posts and Districts of the American Legion assembled at Monterey.

The Dads' Club and Mothers' Guild—The Fourth Annual "Golden Bell Dinner" was held on Jan. 28, with 450 attending. This affair netted over ten thousand dollars for the building fund.

Fr. James King spoke at the January meeting of the Bellarmine Mothers' Guild on college entrance requirements.

Mr. Monacel has so expanded and equipped the "Hobby Shop" that it can now accommodate 50 boarders. Current plans include Sodality projects for posters and Sodality badges.

Fr. Newport conducted the triduum for the scholastics in December.

NFL—At present there are 75 active NFL members, the largest

chapter in Northern California. Mr. Weber is the organization's director as well as coach for impromptu and extempore speech, and dramatic and humorous interpretation. Fr. Pettid coaches debate, and Mr. Connolly coaches oratory and oratorical interpretation. The entire group meets once a week, but the debaters have an additional weekly session. Members competed on Jan. 21 at the All Northern California Tournament at Downey High School in Modesto. On Jan. 28, as co-sponsors with Riordan High School, they will participate in the Archdiocesan Speech Clinic held on the Riordan campus. Another All Northern California Tournament will be held in Merced on Feb. 4.

BROPHY

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier fourteen candidates were received into the newly organized St. John Berchmans Sanctuary Society. The reception ceremony took place before the 8:30 Mass. Fr. Superior (Frank Harrington) gave a brief sermon; Fr. Fox, the moderator of the new Society, said the Mass, and the new members of the Sanctuary Society answered the responses at the Mass in unison.

During the Christmas vacations Frs. Harrington, Keherlin, Babbish and Shepherd all gave year-end retreats.

Fr. Harrington departed from Phoenix on December 19th to attend the Principal's meeting in San Francisco. Fr. Dodd attended the Greek meeting in San Francisco on December 29th.

All the fathers in the house were on Christmas supply throughout the City of Phoenix.

Eight of our senior boys are teaching Catechism to the Mexican children in Phoenix on Sunday mornings. Among the eight is a boy who just recently began to take instructions from Fr. Monaghan, the Spiritual Father at Brophy.

Our basketball team, though not winning many games, has played excellent ball all season. They have lost several games by only two or three points. All year long the opposition has only scored 15 more points than the Brophy Broncos.

Recent visitors were Frs. Broilan and McKey.

At present Fr. John McIntosh is here for a couple of days before moving on to Chandler, Arizona to give a mission.

New wrought irons signs now mark the entrance to Brophy. A generous benefactor recently gave them to us. Also a large rubber mat in color with an insert "Brophy Faculty" was donated to us at Christmas.

Lovely weather still continues to be with us in the Valley of the Sun. The temperature has stayed between 60 and 80 for the last couple of months.

EL RETIRO

The calendar year 1956 began Jan. 5th with an unscheduled retreat. The retreat of Jan. 19 having been oversubscribed by some 50 men, as many as could were asked to anticipate their coming. Seventeen responded under the leadership of Mr. Paul Mariani. This 'advance' retreat promises to become a regular event in the future.

On Saturday, Jan. 7th, the annual directors' meeting was held at El Retiro. In spite of the inclement weather practically all the directors were in attendance. Of those absent, one was in Chicago, the other in Washington, D.C. Mr. Corbett, president of the Association, offered to fly back from Chicago for the meeting, even though he would have to fly to New Orleans the next day in connection with his work with the Southern Pacific. This is char-

acteristic of Mr. Corbett's interest in the retreat movement, but it was not felt that he should be asked thus to interrupt his schedule. Fr. O'Mara gave the directors a detailed account of the work of the year 1955, calling particular attention to the large number of retreatants (4,400), to the reduction of the debt through the half-dollar club, to the excellent work of the captains and to the fine spirit prevailing among the retreatants. The families of the directors had been invited to the dinner, and some 70 guests sat down to a delightful repast. From every point of view the meeting was a great success.

Because of the large number of registrations for retreats special insistence will be made this coming year on the presence of the retreatants on the opening night, Thursday.

Fr. Joseph Sibenoller, S.J., of the St. Louis Retreat House was the guest retreatmaster the weekend of Jan. 12th. Seventy-five were in attendance.

The recent storm did relatively little damage to the property. The lower orchard was flooded when the culvert was cluttered with debris. The roadway was under water until the City of Los Altos, aided by the Fathers of El Retiro cleared away the brush and tree trunks.

FRESNO

Dikes hold! The afternoon of Christmas eve the threat of flood became a reality when the conservation authorities diverted water from the Herdon Canal into Dry (?) Creek which overflowed rendering the property subject to flood. The contractor of the new building, fearing that the ground-level Chapel would be ruined, brought in two bulldozers and many loads of dirt to build up the levees along the creek. This proved successful. Fr. Brady assisted in providing emergency lighting for the 'dozer operators who worked until 3 a.m. Christmas day.

Fr. Fabris spent Christmas in the hospital curing a severe cold. After a recent check-up by his

doctor, he is now in excellent health.

Fr. Superior (Wm. Finnegan) and Fr. Fabris were present at the Confirmation of one of the seminarins, Joseph G. Wright, a recent convert.

The new building is rapidly nearing completion. Occupancy is expected in three to four weeks. Fr. Superior by alert action succeeded in pointing out a notable flaw in the position of the niche for the statue of St. Ann. The shrine has since been revamped.

Fr. J. Guetzloe, S.V.D., rector of St. Francis Xavier Mission in San Francisco, was an overnight visitor.

HIROSHIMA

The new high school building, all scaffolding removed, is practically finished. It was inspected by the local board of education on Jan. 15, and now awaits only the official approval, which is expected soon. A large basement area will serve for recesses on rainy days and for gatherings of students and parents. On special occasions it will serve very well as auditorium or chapel. The school-community chapel will be in one classroom on the first floor; three living rooms will be in a partitioned classroom on the same floor; another will be the teachers' room where each teacher will have a desk (they are all required to be on hand at all class hours). On the same floor are the offices of the principal and prefect of discipline, the latter temporarily the treasurer's office. Classes will be in the three rooms on the second floor. On the same floor are the science room, used also for the required course in painting and drawing, and the library, used also for the required subject of singing. The other three classrooms will be unused this year except one for an infirmary with attendant nurse and one for occasional visitors. A kitchen in the basement will serve for supplying the students' daily lunch and for parents' meetings. It will be the community kitchen next year. Since Mr. Minamiki will not be here in time this year to be ap-

proved by the board of education, Fr. Schweitzer will act as principal. Fr. Hand and a lay teacher will handle English. Fr. Werts will be treasurer. Mr. Kadowaki, S.J., one of the two scholastics finishing philosophy in March, will teach biology and lend the prestige of having a Tokyo U. graduate on the faculty—and will help the faculty with Japanese. Probably Fr. Shaules will be here to learn Japanese and direct athletics. Mr. Arrowsmith has one semester to go at the language school. Meanwhile he has completed a beautiful crucifix with a corpus two feet tall for the main altar, and is working on a set of crib figures.

Until approval is final, we can make no formal publicity, but expect to open with 110 students this year, 135 the following year. A professor at the University mentioned that the building foreman's son is cramming for the entrance exam to the regular accompaniment of paternal spankings. The boy could fill an important campus need—he's a good pitcher.

The boys at Bellarmine, sparked by Fr. Tom Byrne, contributed \$120 for scholarships for two needy boys, along with sports equipment and some very handy tool kits. USF sent a monstrance and ciborium, and Alma some very timely vestments, oil stocks, etc. The province, besides financing, has sent a German Opel Caravan (station wagon), small size for the narrow streets and lower duty. Such contributions have been of incalculable value to the beginnings of the Hiroshima project.

LOYOLA HIGH

Four Loyolans placed among the top 25 in the annual Hearst History Contest. This is the tenth straight year that Loyola has won the top school award. Winners were George Castelazo, second place; Peter Tarr, fourth; Tom Farrell, fourteenth; and John Williams, twenty-first.

In the recent Ignation Year Sophomore Oratorical Contest, Mac Kerr, coached by Mr. Blake,

won first prize. His subject was "The Conversion of Saint Ignatius." Second place winner was Joseph Kolmel, coached by Mr. Hombach, and third prize went to Brian Avery, coached by Mr. Graham.

The Glee Club, under Mr. Elliott's veteran direction, has recently completed an ambitious first semester program. Highlight appearances were at an Ambassador Hotel reception for the Ladies Auxiliary of Queen of Angels' Hospital, at the Anchor Club, and at Noon Mass at St. Philip's Church in Pasadena. These appearances were climaxed by the annual Christmas Carol tour which took the Loyolans to the Little Sisters of the Poor, to Queen of Angels Hospital, and to St. Vincent's Hospital. An appreciative listener at St. Vincent's was the convalescing Cardinal McIntyre.

The annual food drive for the poor netted large baskets for 100 needy families. The baskets were distributed by the Helpers of the Holy Souls with the assistance of Loyola sodalists.

The Sodality officers recently attended the Archdiocesan Union's Communion Mass at St. Vibiana's Cathedral.

Fifteen sodalists under the direction of Mr. Peinado teach catechism at various East Side Mexican and Colored missions conducted by the Sisters of Social Service.

A group of sodalists moderated by Mr. Rolfs help out each Sunday at the County Hospital.

Mr. Dullea's orators recently took second place at the Catholic Forensic League tournament at Notre Dame High School. They are now busily preparing for the Lions Club and American Legion contests.

The Community attended the rosary and funeral of Mr. Howard Callanan, father of Messrs. Ed and Jack Callanan. The scholastics' choir sang at the burial service.

The varsity basketball team has been carefully picking its way through a difficult but winning season. The Cubs took fourth place in the highly respected Pa-

cific Shores Invitational Tournament, and third place for the third consecutive year in the Compton Tournament. In Catholic League play they have defeated Pius X and Cantwell, while losing to sky-scraping Notre Dame.

Mr. Callanan's J.V.'s are playing a fine brand of ball and are currently undefeated in Catholic League play.

Mr. Tattu's Bees and Mr. Peinado's Cees are also doing well.

Fr. Bernard Brannon is the Varsity Baseball Coach. He'll be temporarily assisted by former Cub star, Al Forthman. Mr. Bluth is coaching the J.V.'s.

Frs. Sargent and J. Duggan are helping 135 eager tracksters currently starting on the cinder paths.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Fr. Malone, who suffered a coronary occlusion last month, rallied magnificently against it. His physician says that his condition is good and that he is now on the road to recovery.

Julie Styne and Sammy Cahn's "High Button Shoes" has been selected as Loyola's 1956 Spring Musical. Fr. St. Sure, the producer, has set the date for April 13, 14, and 15.

Eight informal "Opportunity Courses" will comprise a part of Loyola's Evening Division Courses. They include everything from "Catholic Liturgy" to "Social Dancing for Adults," and American Music: Its Function In Our Civilization."

The late Rev. Louis A. Mulvihill bequeathed his private library of approximately 2,000 volumes, valued in excess of \$6,000, to Loyola University.

Fr. Kristovich will join Loyola's philosophy department for the Spring Semester. He will teach Logic and Special Ethics.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

With the opening of the spring semester, two new professors be-

gan their lectures: Fr. Marien (epistemology and history of medieval philosophy) and Fr. Diemert (psychology).

Fr. John Dunne celebrated his fifth Rector's Day on Dec. 14. The following day, Fr. Newport arrived to address the scholastics and to launch the new program of the Sacred Heart Academy, the nucleus of which is cell discussion meetings. This is over and above the work being done for high schools, the Sacred Heart Program, Apostleship of Prayer, and others.

The Aquinas Conference continued with a session on Freud by Mr. R. Smith. Fr. J. Leary concluded his series of lectures on social conditions in Europe with a talk on Ireland, Scotland and England.

NOVITIATE

We had our share of flood damage from the recent heavy rains. Della Strada was completely washed out in three places; the pool contains a good amount of mud; trees fell in St. George vineyard and rolling through the field destroyed about 250 vines; the bridge en route to Tibidabo was completely washed away.

Fr. Zacheus Maher gave the monthly Ignatian Conference.

On January 1, Mr. Edward Basombrio, S.J., arrived from Argentina to study English for six months prior to leaving for the Formosa Mission.

Frs. McKey and Brolan are on sales tours through the Southwest, principally Texas. Fr. Yahn, N.S.J., spent a month as chaplain at the County Hospital in San Francisco.

The arrival of four new postulants brings the number of Co-adjutor Novices and Postulants to fifteen, the highest in many years. The new postulants are Edgar W. Norris and Robert Thrailkill from San Francisco and Henry Yoshioka and George Long from Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO

High School

Sanctuary Society. December: On the First Friday Sophomore members were in the sanctuary and answered prayers in unison.

On Dec. 8 50 new members were received in the evening at a very impressive ceremony. Fr. Jas. King assisted by Fr. Spohn invested them with the surplice. Fr. Ryan preached the sermon. In the morning 40 of the recipiendi made a half day of recollection. On Christmas Eve 61 boys served and assisted at Midnight Mass. After Mass they were given Christmas gifts: a crucifix and a picture of the Sacred Heart.

January: On the First Friday Freshman members were in the sanctuary and answered the prayers in unison. On January 21st, to close the first semester, the movie "King of Kings" was shown and refreshments were served afterwards.

Glee Club. The new Glee Club sang at First Friday Mass and on December 8th for the Sanctuary Society reception.

The club sang Christmas carols at the Awards Assembly, Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Letterman Hospitals and also at the Home for the Aged. The climax of the Glee Club's Christmas season was Midnight Mass sung at Our Lady of Mercy, Westlake.

Since the First Friday in January fell on the Epiphany, carols were sung at the school Mass.

Academic. Kenneth Branch, Senior, and Denis McLaughlin, Sophomore, shared first place honors in the Hearst American History contest. Four other students received awards.

The new look of the "Inside S.I." has received rave notices from all sides. Most of the credit for this truly outstanding achievement goes to the untiring work of Mr. Piser.

Basketball. The S.I. 110's annexed their first league crown since 1928 with an undefeated season. Quite an accomplishment for Mr. Taylor in his first year

of coaching. Two of the 10's placed on the All-City Five.

Fred LaCour, hailed as one of the best prep basketball players in the nation, has shattered two records so far this season. In early December LaCour set the Stanford Pavilion scoring record with 41 points against the Stanford Frosh. On January 19th LaCour broke the league single game scoring record with 39 points. The Cats are undefeated in league play and appear to be on their way to their third consecutive championship.

Mr. Taylor's 130's have a 2-2 league record. The team is coming fast and should make the play-offs.

Block Club. Thanks to the "push" of Fr. Schallert and Mr. Draper, the Block Club is showing new life.

On January 21, the NFL team of 22 boys competed in Modesto, California against 600 high school students representing 46 Northern California schools, including Bellarmine. Five trophies were offered for team excellence in the various events and Saint Ignatius won four of these in an amazing victory. These were trophies for Debating, Original Speaking, General Sweepstakes in the B division, and General Sweepstakes in the A division. These boys are coached by Mr. Musante and Mr. Bianchi.

Also, S.I. won the "I Speak for Democracy" contest for the third year in a row in competition with 14 city high schools. Student Emmett Harrington took home the first prize, a 21-inch TV set.

SANTA CLARA

Holiday Echoes — Scholastics from U.S.F., Fresno, and Bellarmine, (47) were guests of the University during the Christmas holidays. They resided in Walsh Hall and had their meals by themselves in the students' dining room.

Assisting at the Annual Christmas Party for Valley and Bay Area Jesuits held in the students' dining room Dec. 27th were 10 Scholastics from Alma, who acted

as waiters. Amongst the 146 guests were Rev. Fr. Provincial, Frs. Tobin, Dullea, and Keenan.

A reception for the visiting Shrine coaches was held in the Adobe Lodge on Dec. 28th, followed by dinner in the Community dining room.

Some Notable Gifts—The University was designated recipient of the sum of \$293,700.00 for Faculty Endowment from the Ford Foundation.

Peter Pasetta, alumnus, donated a piece of property valued at \$35,000.000 toward the University Improvement Fund.

Miss Eva Sourisseau, San Jose, donated \$1,275 to endow an annual prize for the student judged most outstanding in Philosophy.

Bequest of Miss Mary Pease, S.F. in amount of \$5,000 (unrestricted).

Off Campus Meetings — Fr. Hauck attended the meeting of the Association of American Colleges held in St. Louis, Jan. 10-12.

Fr. W. Crowley, who had served four terms on the NCAA Council, was elected to the Eligibility Committee, whose chairman is the Commissioner of the Pacific Coast Conference. (Los Angeles—Jan. 9-11.)

Fr. C. Hayn attended the convention of the American Physical Society held on the University of Southern California Campus, Dec. 28-29.

Fr. A. Fagothey attended meetings of the American Philosophical Society held at the University of California, Berkeley, Dec. 28-30.

Dissertation Accepted— During the Christmas holidays Fr. T. Flynn journeyed to New York making final arrangements for his doctoral dissertation, "Metaphysical and Empirical Proofs for the Immortality of the Soul." His dissertation was accepted by Dr. Robert Pollock, his director.

Dramatics — The Clay M. Greene Players presented "The Caine Mutiny Courtmartial" before large audiences on the evenings of Jan. 13, 14, 15. Two performances were sponsored by the

Dads' Club of St. Mary's and St. Claire's schools.

Scholarship Commission — Fr. Hauck, as a member of the State Scholarship Commission, attended the luncheon meeting of California Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools at Riordan High, S.F., Dec. 19th and explained the current plans and procedures for high school students being made by the State Scholarship Commission with regard to the 520 Scholarships available for the year 1956-57.

De Saisset Art Gallery—Fr. T. O'Connor (Alma) initiated (Jan. 16th) the lecture series to be given in the Galleries this year. He spoke of "Visual Arts and the Teaching Church" and related his remarks to the current exhibit of contemporary art sponsored by the Catholic Art Forum.

Catala Club Bridge Tea—The Mid-Winter Bridge Tea sponsored by the Catala Club to raise money to apply to the Magin Catala Scholarship Fund was held in the Seifert Gymnasium, Jan. 18th. Six hundred women were present and \$1,500 was added to the Fund.

KSCU Fire — An overheated wire on an electric heater was blamed for the fire which damaged furnishings and a wall in the KSCU radio station, Jan. 14th. The fire was confined to a desk, filing cabinet, curtains and part of the wall. No damage was done to the transformers or to the record collection.

Symphonette—The Santa Clara County Symphonette, under the direction of Edward Azhderian presented a concert in the University Auditorium, Jan. 20th. Featured soloists were Jack Russell, French horn, and Clorinda Di Lonardo, vocalist.

Fulbright Conference — Fr. Hauck was recently named to the Planning Committee which will program the "Annual Conference of Fulbright Professors" to be held in California this year. Some 80 Fulbright professors from scores of foreign nations attend these Conferences to discuss their impressions of America.

Varia — Fr. Hubbard, despite the fact that he had a slight setback due to an attack of pleurisy, is reported doing well. Fathers from McQuaid High School, Rochester, visit him frequently. (Address—Doctors' Hospital, Newark, N.Y.).

Fr. Watson, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage and confine to O'Connor Hospital during December, has now returned to the Donohoe Infirmary, and is recovering nicely.

Fr. D. Daze, troubled with a skin cancer, has been successfully operated on and is now at St. Mary's Hospital, S.F., undergoing plastic surgery.

Deaths of Relatives of Ours

The father of Fr. John Reed.

